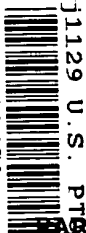


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Date: November 8, 2001
Prior Application:
Examiner Christopher Verdier
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

[] Continuation [x] Divisional (parent not abandoned)

application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial
No. 09/627,004, filed July 27, 2000

For [Title]: BLOWER AND METHOD FOR MOLDING HOUSING THEREOF

by [Inventors]: Hiroyasu FUJINAKA; Shigeru OTSUKA

1. [x] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

Basic Fee
\$740.00 (*370.00)

Total claims	14	-20 = 0	x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	
Independent claims	4	- 3 = 1	x \$84.00 (*42.00) =	<u>84.00</u>
Total Filing Fee.....				= \$824.00

3. [x] A check in the amount of \$824.00 is enclosed (Ck# 14657).

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4. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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~~--~~ This is a Rule 1.53(b) Division of application Serial No. 09/090,944 filed June 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,132,171, issued October 17, 2000 which in turn is a Rule 1.53(d) Division of application Serial No. 09/627,004, filed July 27, 2000 now allowed.~~-~~

6. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

7. ☐ New ☐ Formal ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s). ____.

8. ☒ Priority of foreign applications Nos. 9-151450 filed June 10, 1997; 9-260738 filed September 26, 1997; and 9-326843 filed November 28, 1997 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☒ The certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/090,944 on June 5, 1998.

☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 9226, Frame 0769.

10. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

[x] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
12. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
13. [] Small entity status was established in the parent application via a verified statement filed on _____.

Respectfully submitted,

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